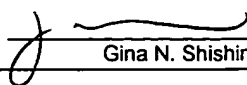




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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of three months to and including March 11, 2004 in which to respond to the Office Action dated September 11, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$475.00) for a three-month extension of time.

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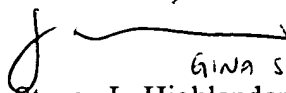
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